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Jan,31st. '38.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Report as M.O.H. of the above Authority for the year ending 31st December,1937.

I). In Table 'A' below is shewn the amount of shipping entering the Port of Fowey during the year,and details g given as to numbers inspected,etc .

TABLE 'A'.

	Number of vessels inspected	Registd Tonnage	Number inspected By M.O.H	Number inspected By Sany Inspr	No.reported to be defective	No.ofvessels on which defects were remedied	No.of vessels having or having had infectious diseases on voyage
FOREIGN							
Steam	269	I27,443	-	I53	II	9	-
Motor	II0	30,I85		68	-	-	-
Sailing	2	4I5	-	I	-	-	-
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Foreign	38I	I58,043		222	II	9	
COAST)-WISE							
Steam				656	39	3I	
Motor	I588	300,756	-	533	6	4	
Sailing				I5			
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Coast--wise	I588	300,756		I,204	45	35	
GRAND TOTAL	I969	458,799	-	I,426	56	44	-

NOTE. The figures in Columns I & 2 are those provided by H.M.Customs.

Arrivals from Irish Free State & Channel Islands are included

under the Foreign arrivals. Under Port Sanitary Regulations such arrivals are registered as arriving Coastwise---hence the disparity between the totals (Foreign) in Columns I & 4 .

The above figures show an increase over I936 of 207 ships with a tonnage of 22,202 registered tons. 72.4% of the ships and 94.5 % of the tonnage was inspected during the year I937 .

The number of inspections ,as compared with I936 ,shows an increase of I37 ships and 38,I04 tons .

During the year 56 informal notices were served in order to draw attention to various nuisances and/or structural defects. Owners, other Port Authorities,and the Board of Trade have been communicated with as required in order to secure compliance with these notices .

Crews 'paid off' or 'signed on' during the year.-----None .

2). Character of Trade of Port . No change from previous Reports . There have been no passengers embarked or disembarked during the year .

Vessels arrive in the Port from practically all Continental Ports . It is rare to get an arrival from a non-Continental Port and there have been no such arrivals during I937 .

3). Source of Water-Supply . As previously detailed .

4). Port Sanitary Regulations. I933.

The arrangements remain as previously detailed and have worked quite satisfactorily

98 Deratisation Exemption Certificates were issued during the year . No Deratisation Certificates were required to be issued .

Table 'C'.

Cases of Infectious Disease landed from vessels :- NONE .

Table 'D'.

Cases of Infectious Disease occurring on vessels during voyage but disposed of prior to arrival :- NONE .

Table 'E'.

Rats destroyed on vessels. I in March,2 in May,I in August,2 in Oct, and I in November. Total 7----all Black .

Table 'F'.

Rats destroyed in Docks,etc. I in Jan,2 in Feb,I in April,3 in May, I in June,IO in July,I in August,II in Sept,2 in Oct,I in Nov,and 2 in Dec. Total 35----allBrown .

Table 'G'.

NIL .

Table 'H'.

Deratisation and Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during year.

Net Tonnage	No.of ships	No.of Deratisn Certs Issued					No.of Deratisn Exemption Certs issued	Total Certifs issued
		After fumigation with						
		HCN	SO2	HCN and SO2	After Trapping etc	Total		
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Up to 300 tons							69	69
30I to I,000							23	23
I,00I to 3,000							6	6
3,00I to I0,000								
over I0,000								
TOTALS	✓	-	-	-	-	-	98	98

6). HYGIENE OF CREWS' SPACES

Table 'J'.

Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of Vessel.	No.inspected during year.	Defects of original Construction.	Structural defects through Wear and Tear.	Dirt,vermin. etc
British	879	4	42	3I
Other Nations	547	-	4	I6

In regard to the matter of Crew Accommodation a Circular Letter was not long ago recieved from the Association of Port Health Authorities asking our opinion as to what we considered the ideal arrangement . After discussing this point with my Inspector I have come to the conclusion that 2 Berth cabins would be the ideal arrangement combined with a common Mess Room . The task of supervision on the part of Officers would be easier inasmuch as responsibility for conditions prevalent would be much more easily placed than in a larger berth. Cabins should be shared by men in the same watch .

This opinion refers to sailors and firemen . In regard to the matter of berthing stewards we did not feel competent to express an opinion as there are no passenger steamers using this Port .

7). Food Inspection.

(I). No action has required to be taken under the P.H.(Imported Food) Regulations,1925,or any other of the Regulations named .

(2). There are no Shell-fish layings or beds within the jurisdiction of this Authority .

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

William H. King

(Surgeon Lieut-Commander R.N.) ret

The Minister of Health .